

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning AB 473 without my signature.

This bill would require, on and after July 1, 2010, an owner of a multifamily dwelling that consists of five or more living units, to arrange for recycling services that are appropriate for the multifamily dwelling.

As I have indicated in my previous veto messages on this topic, I support efforts to reduce the amount of solid waste going to the state's landfills. However, this bill could place costly requirements directly on the owner/operators of multifamily dwellings.

It is problematic for the State to be engaged in this activity when local governments already have the authority to mandate the action envisioned by this bill. I encourage the Integrated Waste Management Board, and its successor agency as of January 1, 2010, the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, to continue efforts to provide adequate tools and resources to local jurisdictions in order to make available increased recycling opportunities for multifamily dwelling residents.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger